

To: Rhode Island Renewable Energy Fund Advisory Board *(Draft)*
From: Nancy Selman
Date: April 6, 2005
Re: Meeting Minutes for March 8, 2005

Next meeting dates: Second Tuesday of every month. For 2005: 4/12, 5/10, 6/14, 7/12, 8/9, 9/13, 10/11, 11/8, 12/13.

In attendance: See attached Attendance List.

- 1) Minutes and Update
 - a) Minutes – change “specific” to “particular” in 1) b) i.
 - b) Update
 - i) Energetech – Questions were raised as to whether towing the Port Kembla unit to Point Judith was feasible from a cost perspective. (Note- the developer is studying this issue and will have more details in May 2005.)
 - ii) RECA – the reason a letter went out from the Fund was that there has been a new commitment. The small project mentioned in the March Update will not be supported by the Fund.
 - iii) URI – The interns whose stipends are paid for by the Fund must work on renewables topics, not energy efficiency.
- 2) Rentricity – A repayable grant of \$90,000 was approved for Rentricity during the February, 2005, meeting. Rentricity had actually requested \$93,000 in their proposal to the Fund. The Board approved the additional \$3000, which is to be used for out of pocket expenses incurred while performing the two studies.
- 3) Website Maintenance - The Board approved a \$3000 contract with SRM for web maintenance services for the period from January 1, 2005 until June 30, 2005.
- 4) RIPIRG Fund Factsheet - RIPIRG requested support for printing a fact sheet/brochure which will be used to educate the legislature on the Fund’s activities. The Board voted to approve \$395 for printing costs for the brochures.
- 5) RES Facilitation – The Board voted to fund \$10,000 of the fees for Jonathan Raab to facilitate the RES negotiated rulemaking. The Board discussed the issue of whether the Fund should provide the full amount being requested, and decided to fund additional amounts on a matching basis.
- 6) Fund Strategic Planning Facilitation – The Board voted to approve an increase of up to \$3000 for Jonathan Raab’s facilitation services for the development of the Fund’s Strategic Plan.
- 7) Raytheon – Raytheon has requested a grant of 80% of \$46,079 or approximately \$37,000 for a wind feasibility study. Discussion of the proposal was delayed until April 2005 due to a lack of time to sufficiently discuss the issues.
- 8) Apeiron – Apeiron has requested \$2379 for a teacher training series on sustainability. Discussion of the Apeiron proposal was delayed until after Strategic Plan is finalized.

Decisions:

- 1) Rentricity - The Board approved the additional \$3000, which is to be used for expenses.
- 2) Website Maintenance - The Board approved a \$3000 contract for web maintenance services for the period from January 1, 2005 until June 30, 2005, with SRM.
- 3) RIPIRG Fund Factsheet - The Board voted to approve \$395 for printing costs for the brochures.
- 4) RES Facilitation – The Board voted to fund \$10,000 of the fees for Jonathan Raab to facilitate the RES negotiated rulemaking, and to fund additional amounts on a matching basis.

- 5) Fund Strategic Planning Facilitation – The Board voted to approve an increase of up to \$3000 for Jonathan Raab’s facilitation services for the Fund’s Strategic Plan.

Actions

- 1) Write funding letters to:
 - a) Rentricity
 - b) SRM
 - c) RIPIRG
 - d) Raab and Associates
 - e) RIPUC.
- 2) Raytheon – Put Raytheon proposal on April Advisory Board meeting Agenda.

Attendance:

Capobianco, Julie
Farley, John
Hartley, Doug
Jacobson, David
Keller, Janet
McClanaghan
Moskal, John
Rochon, Emily
Rose, Vin
Stearns, David
Stephens, Erich
Teichert, Kurt
Ward, Harold
Grace, Bob
Selman, Nancy
Warfel, Chris
Raab, Jonathan